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REGULATING MOTOR TRAFFIC.

THE time has arrived for the town trustees of Tonopah to adopt an ordinance by which the growing traffic in motor vehicles may be regulated and the lives of pedestrians protected. The menace is growing daily with the increasing recklessness of drivers until it is hardly safe for an old person to venture across Main street. The intersection of Brougher avenue and Main street presents one of the greatest perils. Drivers come and go without paying any attention to the requirements of the speed ordinance. They rush out of the main thoroughfare into the side street at a rate that would be impossible to check were any danger suddenly encountered. The best way to meet this condition is to insist on all drivers obeying the order prevailing in the larger cities where vehicles are not permitted to cut the corners without regard to the rules of the road. The town should insist on every driver crossing to the center of the street before turning to the left, and in this way only can the rights of foot passengers be preserved. Accidents are of frequent occurrence, but, as it happens, none of these has resulted fatally, therefore the authorities have not insisted on any severe arraignment of the persons responsible for the injury. Recently a speed ordinance was enacted but little attention is paid to it, and Chief of Police Jack Grant, who has been rather indulgent by excusing infractions on the ground of ignorance, has lost patience and is going to enforce the law to the letter and teach somebody a lesson. But it is not the speed evil that is greatest, although that is bad enough, there is the inexcusable and careless driver who believes he owns the roadway and is not under obligation to pay any attention to others whether they are riding or walking. These road hogs can only be compelled to respect the law by being forced to an understanding that there is an ordinance that can be enforced. In parking cars no attention is paid to the direction the car is headed when stopped at the curb, and the result is that even cautious drivers are confused by those who know nothing of the rights of the road and care less for restrictions. The town trustees can meet this very readily with an ordinance defining the methods of turning corners and halting in the paths of others. The penalty should be severe enough to remind offenders that it will pay them to give thought to a study of the subject and it is certain that when a few of these precipitate people are haled into court they will emerge wiser and sadder men.

GAGGING THE JAWSMITHS.

UNDER the recent law enacted by congress governing the use of seditious language the police of every town and hamlet in the land are empowered to arrest all soap-box orators who indulge in disparaging remarks about the flag or the country they dishonor. There has been too much license in this respect and no other place realizes this more keenly than Tonopah, where some males have been wont to indulge their venomous hatred of all institutions designed to protect the masses and to perpetuate the equality of all American citizens. Under the new military law, adopted as necessity for the prevention of seditious utterances, any person offending against the flag or the administration can be arrested on the spot and thrown into jail without the right of habeas corpus or other means of regaining his freedom until such time as the authorities deem it wise to let him go at large again. The law is a most excellent one that should have a salutary effect in strangling those who have had unwarranted immunity for the past ten years. A few persons in Tonopah have given vent to this sort of abuse and it is timely to remind them that, according to advices received by the Bonanza, the law recently passed by congress will be enforced regardless of individuals. The federal authorities are determined to howl to the line and let the chips fall where they may. There must be no more of this sort of nonsense, and if the men who have been guilty of indulging in such talk cannot take a hint, means will be found to enforce respect for the flag and the country which tolerates their presence. In this connection it may be mentioned that a time-honored custom is for every one to rise when the "Star Spangled Banner" is played in any public hall or place of entertainment. If the national hymn is played on the street the correct acknowledgment is to raise the hat as one would greet a friend of long standing. Where a refractory character in an audience refuses to rise he should be compelled to pay this honor or be treated as an enemy. When the "Star Spangled Banner" is played in a medley or in conjunction with other airs it is not recognized as the national anthem.

THROWING BOUQUETS AT AMERICA.

LOYD-GEORGE, the British premier, spoke at a banquet the other day, at which he devoted much of his speech to pleasantries on the beauties of the American system of government, with a forcible condemnation of the autocratic system of Prussianism as illustrated by the conduct of the ruthless submarine warfare. This form of talk evidently was designed for consumption in America for it treated of a condition of affairs that seems intolerable to the average American citizen but, in dwelling on this subject, the dignified little Welshman handled his theme as though the empire of Great Britain were a strict exemplar of the rights of humanity and that none other conferred so much freedom on its subjects. The gentleman must think the people of the United States are gifted with short memories for it is only necessary to revert to occurrences in Ireland less than a year ago which earned for the British government the universal execration of liberal-minded citizens. This was the Irish revolt and the treatment accorded the unfortunate leaders of the Sinn Fein movement. The provocation was the failure of the British government to carry out its solemn pledge to give the people of Ireland home rule as a reward for their loyalty to the crown and the insistent demand of its people. Ireland was promised autonomy and after months of temporizing and delays the patience of the patriots became exhausted and they resolved to take the law into their own hands with the result that the leaders were shot

down in cold blood, without the formality of a hearing by a civil tribunal. The misguided men went to their fate with a heroism that was noble and grand. They were rebels whose conduct had been provoked by a flagrant disregard of the most solemn obligations of a legislative body and the men who suffered for their country took the penalty of death or prison with undaunted demeanor that earned the admiration of the world. This foul stain on the reputation of England cannot be expunged by a stilted effort to please the United States by spouting lofty sentiments against the existence of autocratic governments. Home rule was promised Ireland and then denied the majority of the people, for the reason that a small cabal in the north of the unhappy isle was outspoken and menacingly opposed. This faction openly advocated secession to the extent of declaring that the army and navy would join in the revolt if parliament gave the majority recognition by granting autonomy. When the majority was driven desperate and rose in their might to assert their rights England stepped in with rifles, cannon and sabers and slew the brave patriots who bared their breasts to the Sassenach guns without quailing. The treatment of the Dublin rebels was nothing more than butchery without a single mitigating circumstance. At the present time it pleases England to pose as the friend of the United States with its preachments on liberty and inveighing against autocracy, but the stain of perpetual serfdom inflicted on the sons of the Emerald Isle will forever alienate the sympathies of those who have the remotest drop of Irish blood in their veins. The mailed hand was brought to play in Ireland while the silken glove is extended to the United States. Obviously it makes a difference whose ox is gored. If Lloyd-George is such a friend of freedom he might begin at home by granting the Irish that political freedom they have been denied after repeated pledges which appear to have been made only to be broken.

FIGHTS FOR POSSESSION FUTURE GRAIN FIELDS

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 14. — Possession of a source of wheat supply, capable of feeding the entire world, is one of the stakes at issue in the fighting in Mesopotamia and on the adjoining fronts, asserts Professor John Adams Scott, of the Northwestern University, Chicago, who is an international authority on the Oriental countries.

In describing the commercial and military possibilities in the country beyond Bagdad, Prof. Scott said:

"There is no doubt that the English are now trying to close the door by which any new troops can reach Mesopotamia. It is computed that ancient Babylonia and the territory under its control covered only about one-fifth of Mesopotamia yet the soil was so fertile and free from defects which produce famine that it supports in wealth a population greater than the state of New York now possesses. When Darius was defeated by Alexander, there was found in the vaults of Darius gold and silver to the value of \$650,000,000.

"If all of Mesopotamia can come under the control of one great na-

tion so that there can be a comprehensive and unified development of reservoirs and irrigation, it is safe to say that it will be the richest land on earth, since no other land has soil made in alluvial deposits and which contains 15 per cent of lime. It is this lime beyond all else which makes this country so valuable, and which makes rust, mildew and kindred evils impossible. Two harvests can be garnered each year, one from rain and one from irrigation. The one from rain is the only harvest now.

"The movement from Egypt is intended to shut off all access from Europe by land, since the Russians are now in control of Armenia and the overland pass, so that the Turks are forced to send troops through the Isthmus pass, or by the Alexandria Gulf. This is the route of the Bagdad railroad. Asia Minor has a double series of most difficult mountain ranges, Taurus and Anti-Taurus, so that armies must skirt them to the north or to the south. Russia now closes the route to the north so that if England can close the one to the south she will be as secure in Mesopotamia as she

Coast Sporting Events

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 14. — Mrs. Hubert E. Law, the present California golf champion, is expected to defend her title this year at Los Angeles in the California women's championships where the qualifying round is scheduled to be played on Monday, April 23. Other prominent northern California players who will compete are Miss Edith Chesborough and Mrs. A. B. Swinerton. A number of younger players who have not figured in championship competition are expected to make their initial appearance for titular honors.

The best trap record of the season—99 points out of a possible 100—was made in the shooting contests held by the Women's Rifle club of the Washington State College recently by Miss Frances Randle, of Pullman.

The Women's Rifle Club, with a membership of over 70, is the only rifle club of college girls in the Northwest and one of the few clubs of its kind in the country. Shoots at the state college are held twice weekly. The women shoot from the prone position only.

Harry J. Cole, a sophomore at the Oregon Agricultural College, has registered 2158.6 points in strength tests, a mark which he claims is a new record for an American college athlete. The previous record was 2109 points, held by "Mike" Dorais, University of Pennsylvania wrestler. Strength of lungs, back, legs, forearms, chest and upper arms are tested.

Cole won the same national strength title in 1915 by registering 1979 points. This was later passed

by the Pennsylvania man. Cole also holds the Pacific Coast conference record in the discus. He is 25 years old and weighs 197 pounds. The points secured by Cole in his record-breaking tests were made as follows: Strength of lungs, 370; back, 490; legs, 670; right forearm, 103; left forearm, 96; chest and upper arms 429.6.

In a move for faster hockey, six-man teams may be played in the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey association next season, according to association officials. Frank A. Patrick, president of the league, has announced that the board of directors at their next meeting, will consider the matter of changing the teams from seven to six-man combinations.

The speed displayed in the recent world's championship series between Les Canadiens of Montreal and the Seattle Metropolitans in which six-man teams played, indicated to many followers of the game that the absence of the seventh player tends to speed up the work on the ice.

Formation of a Western Slope Colorado baseball league has progressed beyond the tentative steps. The actual organization of the league has been effected, with officers elected and working, and seven towns, Delta, Olathe, Montrose, Gunnison, Paonia, Summit and Grand Junction, have entered as members. The salary limit has been placed at \$450 a month to equalize the quality of teams the larger and smaller towns may put into the field. At least one other team is expected to enter the league.

is in South Africa, since there is no avenue by which an army could come. The great difficulty in coming in or out of Egypt has been the intense heat of the desert south and west of Gaza, but the papers speak of a railroad having been built across this desert. This desert is cool at night, so that trains need run through it only by night, since the distance is not great. The English already have a naval base at Cyprus, so that they control the sea and can thus assist the army moving by land. The English are about 400 miles from their goal and must cross the high mountains of Lebanon or swing to the east where a railroad has already been built through Damascus. If they swing

to the east they will withdraw from the protection of the fleet. They may have so completely demoralized the Turks that this protection is not necessary. "This seems to me the board on which the game of the war is being played. Already Germany is helpless in Armenia and Mesopotamia and if English forces can get Aleppo, then the power and influence of England will have been doubled by this war and the immense resources of Egypt and the entire valley of the Euphrates and Tigris will fall into her lap. This will mean a railroad from Capetown to Bombay and a future for the world which has never entered into the mind of the most enthusiastic dreamer."

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